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# AMERICAN STEEL WORKS

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Region VII  
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ATTENTION: David Tripp, Attorney

REFERENCE: American Steel Equipment  
Decontamination

Gentlemen:

I received a telephone call from Mike Harper of Senator Nancy Kassebaum's office on Friday evening, 10/10/86, who related to me that if I presented a "Clean Up" plan on the essential American Steel equipment you would consider the plan's adequacy.

First I would list the items of equipment that are considered essential to the survival of American Steel as these are the items we would work on. None of this equipment was used for processing PCBs.

1. Mubea Iron Worker
2. Metal cutting band saw
3. Mig welder - Plasma Arc - Cyber Tig welder
4. Press Brake
5. 1/2" Plate Shear
6. Small Plate Roll (Webb)
7. Miscellaneous hand tools
8. Fork Truck
9. Submerged Arc Welder and Track
10. Air Compressor
11. Metal Nibbler (1/4")
12. Small Flanging machine

The basis of our proposed plan is that which is mandated by 40CFR 761.79(b) and generally used by utilities in the clean up of tools and equipment used in working on PCB and PCB contaminated

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electrical equipment as well as PCB spills on mobil equipment such as tractors.

As we read it, 40CFR-761.79 a & b say:

§761.79 Decontamination

(a) Any PCB Container to be decontaminated shall be decontaminated by flushing the internal surfaces of the container three times with a solvent containing less than 50 ppm PCB. The solubility of PCBs in the solvent must be five percent or more by weight. Each rinse shall use a volume of the normal diluent equal to approximately ten (10) percent of the PCB Container capacity. The solvent may be reused for decontamination until it contains 50 ppm PCB. The solvent shall then be disposed of as a PCB in accordance with §761.60(a). Non liquid PCBs resulting from the decontamination procedures shall be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of §761.60(a)(4).

(b) Movable equipment used in storage areas shall be ~~decontaminated~~ decontaminated by swabbing surfaces that have contacted PCBs with a solvent meeting the criteria of paragraph (a) of this section.

With the above in mind, we offer the following plan:

1. Decontamination work will be done inside a building with a sealed floor, and within a curbed area, said curb to be 6 inches high, and made of either steel or Portland cement, and
2. Solvent will be used which contains less than 2 ppm PCBs as flushing agent; i.e. Kerosene
3. The equipment shall be swabbed down with clean rags; saturated in the kerosene described in #2 above. The work will be done on plastic tarps to minimize any drip contamination.
4. The equipment will then be rubbed down with clay absorbant to remove any free liquids.
5. All personnel moving equipment and/or performing decontamination must comply with all OSHA work requirements, and
6. All liquids, residue, and waste must be stored according to 761.65, must be marked according to 761.40, and records must be maintained according to 761.180.

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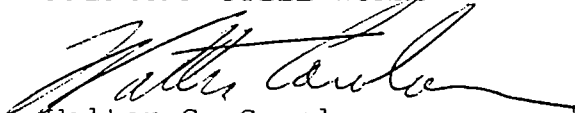
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We believe the above meets and exceeds the letter and intent of the regulations. The work could be performed under EPA supervision either on a continuous or surprise inspection basis. Records of the operation will be generated and maintained.

We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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cc: Mike Harper

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30+   
 K158081 - 1195 / 100cm<sup>2</sup> (inside vat)   
 02 - 75 / 100cm<sup>2</sup> outside vat   
 03 - 331 / 400cm<sup>2</sup> 83 / 100cm<sup>2</sup>   
 04 - N.D. Boat support

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Nibbler 07 - 3070 / 200cm<sup>2</sup> = 1535 / 100cm<sup>2</sup>   
 Hob welder 08 - 1042 / " = 520 / 100cm<sup>2</sup>   
 TD welder 09 - 1420 / " = 710 / 100cm<sup>2</sup>   
 Eng. machine 10 - 5300 / " = 2650 / 100cm<sup>2</sup>   
 Band saw 11 - 4350 / 200 (?) = 2175 / 100cm<sup>2</sup>

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Hubert welder 13 - 238 / 200 = 119 / 100cm<sup>2</sup>   
 Hob. welder 14 - 2520 / 200 = 1260 / 100cm<sup>2</sup>   
 Hubert welder 15 - 2750 / 200 = 1375 / 100cm<sup>2</sup>   
 Line. welder 16 - 1390 / 200 = 695 / 100cm<sup>2</sup>   
 metal equip. 17 - 3965 / 200 = 1982 / 100cm<sup>2</sup>   
 Allis Motor 18 - 10900 / 200 = 5450 / 100cm<sup>2</sup>   
 Drill Press 19 - 3900 / 200 = 1950 / 100cm<sup>2</sup>   
 Pattern 20 - 1040 / 200 = 520 / 100cm<sup>2</sup>   
 Turck

Large tank 21 - 1480 / 100cm<sup>2</sup>   
 clamps 22 - 990 / 100cm<sup>2</sup>   
 Hob. welder 23 - 620 /   
 Blank 24 - 3.1 mg (N.D.)

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Thomas welder 27 164 / 100cm<sup>2</sup>